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## MANY FARMERS WILL GO BEFORE COMMISSIONERS

### City Administration to be Asked to Amend Meat Inspection and Produce Peddling Ordinances--Positions Taken by Commissioners in Support of Ordinances.

The outlook is for a large attendance of members of the Guilford County Farmers' Union in this city Saturday for the purpose of attending to various matters of business, but especially for the purpose of going before the Board of Commissioners regarding the meat inspection ordinance and the ordinance prohibiting peddling on Elm street and West Gaston between Elm and Green and on Market between Green and Davie. As will be seen from a communication elsewhere in today's Telegram the farmers all over the county, especially those who do business in Greensboro, are aroused over these ordinances and they will enter a strong protest against the ordinances as now in effect. Before going before the commissioners the farmers will hold an open meeting for the purpose of hearing from the citizens of the city regarding the proposed ordinances and obtain their assistance in urging the city officials to amend the meat inspection ordinance. The Telegram is requested to urge upon farmers the importance of being present in large numbers so they can show the commissioners the way the majority of the farmers throughout the county feel regarding the meat ordinance, which they contend is unnecessarily rigid as it stands at present.

## COST OF SMALL POX IN STATE DURING LAST YEAR

### State Secretary of Health Rankin Figures That Each Case Cost \$150

Special to Telegram. Raleigh, Aug. 17.—Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the North Carolina Board of Health gives out a statement showing that there were seventy-two foci of infection in smallpox in the state between October and February last, that is cases that made independent appearance in the State and that from these there developed 915 cases that cost the respective counties \$9,775, or \$150 per case. This shows 12 3/4 cases developed from each foci. He gives a tabulated statement showing that in the cost of smallpox in the State Wilson county led with 17 foci costing the State \$2,550, and Forsyth is second with 16 cases and cost of \$2,400. Wake is next highest with four foci that cost \$600 and the others of the twenty-six counties included in the report show from one to three foci and correspondingly low costs of treating the cases. Furthermore, it is shown that Virginia cost this state \$1 foci and \$100. Georgia 4 foci and \$100. He says the most remarkable control of the disease was in Gaston county where Dr. L. N. Glenn had six independent foci of the disease and not a single additional case developed from either of them. Also in Guilford county the county superintendent had nine foci of infection and only 23 cases developed this, Dr. Rankin says, is especially remarkable in that Greensboro and Guilford are in such close touch to Forsyth county which was next to the most disastrous county in the report from the viewpoint of spread of the disease.

## Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., His Murdered Wife and Two Important Witnesses For the Prosecution.



The trial of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., charged with wife murder, is expected to occupy not longer than two weeks. Troops have been assigned to duty at the Chesterfield courthouse, Greensboro, Va., during the trial. Beniah Bluford, the defendant's "affiant," and his cousin, Paul Beattie, will be the chief witnesses for the prosecution. It is alleged that Beattie sought to get rid of his wife in order to marry Miss Bluford. Paul Beattie has told the police that he bought for his cousin the gun with which Mrs. Beattie was shot.

## BINFORD GIRL'S ILLNESS MAY DELAY BEATTIE TRIAL

### Now Believed That She Has Contracted Typhoid Fever--Judge J. F. West Will Be the Trial Judge--Beattie Predicts Acquittal.

## DEFENDANT WINS DAMAGE SUIT IN SUPERIOR COURT

### Several Cases Have Been Compromised--The Work of the Court.

In Guilford Superior Court late yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of A. L. Hildreth vs. the Erieau Cotton Mills Company returned a verdict favoring the defendant. The suit was for the recovery of damages in the sum of \$20,000. The court then took up the case of John A. Young vs. Southern Railway Company in which the plaintiff is suing to recover damages in the sum of \$1,000 because of failure to properly transport fruit boxes. The case went to the jury just before the noon recess for a verdict being returned for the plaintiff. The case of W. B. Troughton vs. J. H. Fogarty, J. C. Fowles and R. J. W. Hines has been compromised, the plaintiff receiving \$60. The case of A. H. Wynn vs. Lindsey Johnson and Core Johnson has been compromised. The charges made of the defendant from the case of Hildreth vs. Erieau Cotton Mills Co. were \$100,000. The suit was to recover damages in the sum of \$1,000 because of failure to properly handle shipments for the plaintiff. The case of Chief Justice Clark vs. State was compromised. Raleigh, Aug. 17.—Friends throughout the State will regret to learn that J. W. Clark, son of Chief Justice Walter Clark, today suffering from appendicitis. There is to be no operation. He is connected with the Erwin cotton mill, Durham.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 17.—The illness of Beniah Bluford, it is believed, will cause the postponement of the trial of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., whose trial for the murder of his wife was set for Monday. The physicians attending the Bluford girl are unable so far to diagnose the malady, but it is believed that she has contracted a severe case of typhoid fever. Owing to the critical illness of the father-in-law of Judge William the governor has designated Judge J. F. West as the trial judge who will preside over cases during the trial of Beattie. Today's Richmond Virginian has the following regarding the case: Detective Bluford was undisturbed yesterday when reports reached him that Beniah Bluford was suffering from a fever which might develop into typhoid, and that Paul D. Beattie was on the verge of a breakdown which might make it impossible for him to testify if the trial begins in the near future. Dr. Bluford was hospitalized accordingly, but the fact that he was very much interested in the physical condition of his two most important witnesses was shown by his immediate investigation of the reports. He ascertained in a short time that neither the Bluford girl or Paul Beattie is in danger of serious illness. When Beniah Bluford suffered an attack of nervousness about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, displaying symptoms similar to those which characterized her illness at Chesterfield Courthouse on Monday, Dr. J. Palmer Bright was summoned at once. He found the girl was in no danger of serious illness. Paul Beattie would probably require an additional hospital in his condition. Arrangements to work in the open, daily physical exercises and a lot of the best food which allows a man to follow his profession without hindrance, Paul Beattie at his father's expense behind the closed barred doors and windows of the State hospital. Physicians who have had earlier experience point out that he was not strong when placed in jail. The attack of his arrest and subsequent collapse, resulting from the excitement of watching that he brought a charge and study for his cousin was a strain on Paul Beattie and for a time it was believed he would lose his mind. Improvement in an way has aided Beattie in recuperating and physicians are not surprised that he is physically weak. But they are inclined to meet the idea that either Beniah Bluford or Paul Beattie will suffer a collapse which will prevent them taking the witness stand when the case is tried. It is believed that if either of the witnesses were allowed their freedom for a week they would be restored to a normal condition in that time. Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., made a statement yesterday containing an admission that he will be acquitted within a month. Beattie said: "I cannot discuss my case with you but I'll see you soon enough." It is almost a repetition of a remark he made as the day he was arrested. The woman's jury had just adjourned and Beattie had walked to a window in the lower of Courthouse looking in at Beniah Bluford, who lay on the floor in hysterics. He was asked to express his opinion of the status of the case. The question was asked just a short time after his arrest and almost immediately after the sensational developments of the case. (Continued on Page Eight.)

As has been stated in The Telegram on several occasions the commissioners feel that the ordinance is necessary to the best health interests of the citizens of the city and was not drawn purpose to impose a hardship upon the farmers or to discourage them in raising meats for marketing. In requiring that cattle and hogs be slaughtered where the inspector could superintend the killing they stated they state, as on the information from the inspector that it was impossible to properly inspect meats unless the inspection is both before and after the killing and the intestines, as well as the liver, lungs, heart and kidneys, be subjected to a rigid inspection. This, of course, it is understood, is the one pursued by all government inspectors. Again the farmers state that the western meats are not inspected after being brought here, but this is not true, the commissioners state. The inspector makes a daily visit to every market in the city and not only inspects all meats, fish and oysters in stock, but also all tools and appliances used by the butcher. If any of the meat is found unsound it is condemned and saturated with kerosene to prevent its being used. If the appliances are not in a sanitary condition the market or stall is condemned and closed until said appliances are put in proper condition. So, the officials state, all meats are subjected to two or more inspections and unless it is sold at once to as many as four inspections. The city officials also state that their inspections are not as rigid as are those of High Point, Winston and many other places in the state. They believe that when the farmers are fully acquainted with all the reasons they will have to admit that the ordinance is not more rigid than is necessary. The exact attitude of the farmers toward the ordinance prohibiting them from peddling on Elm street is not known, but it is understood that they want to sell their produce on every street in the city. In regard to this proposition Commissioner Brown, who was instrumental in getting the ordinance passed, states that many other cities, Winston and Danville for instance, have ordinances requiring that all persons selling produce sell

## HIS THUMB TORN LOOSE FROM HAND; TENDON FOLLOWED

### J. W. Weatherly Suffered Painful Accident This Morning Near City.

James Wesley Weatherly, a well-known farmer who lives six miles south of the city, had a painful accident this morning, in which he lost two joints of his right thumb and the tendon attached. The injury while quite painful is not serious beyond the loss of the thumb. Mr. Weatherly was coming to the city in his buggy, leading a horse behind. The rein attached to the horse's bridle was wrapped around his thumb and when the animal suddenly jerked backward he tore the thumb loose at the first joint and broke the thumb tendon at the elbow, pulling the tendon completely loose from the arm. Dr. J. T. Rieves was notified by telephone of the accident and he at once went to the scene in an automobile. It was found necessary to amputate the thumb at the second joint in order to get a solid covering. The injury was quite painful and it will probably be some time before Mr. Weatherly can use his arm. Dr. Rieves stated that he did not think the breaking of the tendon would cause any trouble in healing as it broke loose at the elbow at the point it was attached to the elbow joints. In short the tendon was torn out by the roots. As the tendon only controlled the thumb it will

## CAL MEADOW IS ARRESTED AFTER A DESPERATE STRUGGLE

Beckley, W. Va., Aug. 17.—Cal Meadow, the mountain gun fighter, who was wanted for hacking Thomas Caddie and Ben Thompson into shreds, was captured last night after a desperate struggle in the cabin of his mother. The officers were attacked by Meadow's mother, his sweetheart and two other women who wielded clubs and axes in a desperate attempt to prevent them from seizing the person of Meadow.

## TOGO

### Had Attack of Acute Indigestion Today — Boston Plans are Broken up.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 17.—Admiral Togo was suddenly stricken with acute indigestion this morning and as a result all plans for his entertainment while in Boston have been cancelled. The Navy Department was notified of the Admiral's illness by Third Assistant Secretary of State Candler Hale.

## NEGRO SHOT BY A UNITED STATES MARSHAL

Raleigh, Aug. 17.—It was reported here yesterday that near Eagle Rock a United States Deputy Marshal had shot and killed Jim Mitchener, a negro, near Eagle Rock, that a hunt was being made for a blockade still, and that Mitchener, found at once, made a fight against the officer, who shot and killed him. Reports from Eagle Rock, however, are that the name of the officer is not known, but that he was attempting to serve a warrant on Mitchener when the negro assaulted him, threw him down and was making a hard fight for the officer's pistol. The officer managed to get his pistol out and fired at Mitchener, who ran into the swamp. The officer thought he had wounded him, but the last report from Eagle Rock was that the negro had returned to his home two miles away and that if he was wounded at all it was only a slight wound. There was inquiry made at the marshal's office here but there was no information as to the matter given out. not affect the use of the fingers after the wound has healed. The accident occurred several miles from the city about eight o'clock this morning.

## THE FLEMING HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS

### Special to Telegram. Raleigh, Aug. 17.—The failure of the defendant, Percy B. Fleming, to specify times and places in his answer to the complaint of his wife, Mrs. Nellie Chloe Fleming in her writ of habeas corpus proceeding against him for the custody of the two children, necessitated the postponement of the hearing before Chief Justice Walter Clark yesterday until this morning at 10 o'clock. In his answer Fleming charged that Mrs. Fleming is not a fit person to have the children, in that she has been unfaithful to him. The demand that sets out times of unfaithfulness by specified dates from removal for the wife and was granted by the chief justice. Counsel for Mr. Fleming indicated that his client preferred to reserve this phase of evidence for a divorce suit that he contemplates but agreed to give at the next hearing particulars of the charges against his wife that caused him to leave her and take the children away, giving names of all legal correspondents. At the hearing Mrs. Fleming was again accompanied by her father, H. E. Crouch, of Washington, and her sister. The two children and their nurse were there and played affectionately with both parents before and after court sessions. **Crops Developing Nicely.** **Special to Telegram.** Raleigh, Aug. 17.—At the State Department of Agriculture the statement is made that there are still numbers of sections, especially along the line of northern counties bordering the Virginia line and in some parts of the west that continue very dry much to the injury of the crop conditions. The rains, it is said at the department, continue to be very much "in spots." However, taking the State over the crops are developing nicely now.

## CHURCH

### And State Separation May Cause Much Trouble in Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal, Aug. 17.—Anarchists are today addressing notes on the street corners, advising all workmen to strike and enforcing the measures against the government. The radicals are urging all anti-government factions to unite with the Catholics of the northern part of Portugal and resist the efforts of the administration to separate the property of the Church and State.

## SEATS FOR BALDWIN'S NEW AUDITORIUM.

Raleigh, Aug. 17.—A contract for 200 awarded requires that the seats for Baldwin's new auditorium shall be in place by October 1. The seats for the first floor or arena will be accessible so that that section can be used for balls and other events. Open chairs with fixed positions will be in the galleries. The capacity will be eight thousand. It is expected that the municipal section of the building will be furnished and ready for the various departments of the city government to occupy them by November 1. The contract for this equipment is to be awarded September 1.

## FUNERAL OF JOHNSON CASTS GLOOM OVER MEET.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—The funeral of St. Louis Johnstone, who was killed when his airplane collapsed in the air on Tuesday, and a pall over the International Aviation meet here today. The funeral services were held in the Hayden Chapel, before the body was cremated.

## SCOPE OF STRIKE IN GREAT BRITAIN GROWS GRADUALLY

### Workers at Several Other Places Quit Work --Conference Without Results.

London, Aug. 17.—The Board of Trade had a conference today with Premier Asquith, Home Secretary Churchill, Mr. Brown and representatives of the unions. The conference terminated without action and another meeting relative to the strike situation will be held soon. **Strike at Latham.** Latham, Eng., Aug. 17.—Teamsters and truckmen employed by the Central and Great Northern Railways took a day. **Swissmen Strike.** Swissem, Wale, Aug. 17.—Swissmen employed on the Swissem dock joined the strikers today, completely tying up the marine freight traffic. **Liverpool, Eng., Aug. 17.**—Three British warships have been ordered to Liverpool to protect shipping interests. The sailing continues and much property has been destroyed by the strikers. A pitched battle between the soldiers and the strikers is feared. **Page Back to Bed.** Rome, Aug. 17.—Page Five had to return to his bed today. He seems unable to regain his former strength.

## GOV. TENNER AFTER MEN WHO BURNED ZACK WALKER

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 17.—Governor Tenner has summoned Robert Gentry, former attorney of Chambersville, to Harrisburg to show why and where three persons have been made as a result of the burning of Zack Walker, the negro who killed Philadelphia Edgar Rice, each of the three persons being kept. Walker was taken from a hospital Sunday night and burned at a stake.